

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) A track ball device, comprising:
a ball;
at least one non-contact IC chip built in the ball; and
a reader for reading information stored in the non-contact IC chip;
wherein the information includes information on a feature of a surface of the ball.

Claim 2 (Original) A track ball device according to claim 1, wherein the non-contact IC chip stores information capable of specifying a position of the non-contact IC chip itself.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended) A track ball device according to claim 1, wherein ~~the non-contact IC chip stores information representing a feature of the ball~~ information on the feature of the surface of the ball represents a color.